

# TOP MIDDLE-SKILL JOBS BY OPENINGS, GROWTH, & WAGES

The middle-skill occupations with the most total job openings during the projection period are *Restaurant Cooks*, *Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers*, and *Nursing Assistants*. These three occupations combined are projected to have over 16,000 job openings per year through 2030. *Restaurant Cooks* are also projected to have the highest growth between 2020 and 2030.

## Top Middle-Skill Occupations by Annual Openings 2020-2030

Occupations	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Net Change	Annual Total Openings	2020 Mean Wages
Cooks, Restaurant	28,582	42,335	13,753	<b>6,497</b>	\$27,250
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	46,029	50,281	4,252	<b>5,662</b>	\$48,230
Nursing Assistants	35,052	36,458	1,406	<b>4,454</b>	\$27,720
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	30,735	33,049	2,314	<b>3,216</b>	\$41,940
Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	17,459	21,110	3,651	<b>3,190</b>	\$36,410
Miscellaneous Assemblers & Fabricators	27,643	27,713	70	<b>3,038</b>	\$39,360
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	27,113	26,585	-528	<b>2,891</b>	\$41,320
Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	22,061	23,949	1,888	<b>2,423</b>	\$71,670
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	25,066	23,585	-1,481	<b>2,397</b>	\$43,960
Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	23,591	23,298	-293	<b>2,274</b>	\$62,020

The middle-skill occupations that are projected to experience the fastest rates of growth are *Restaurant Cooks*, *Actors*, and *Concierges*. These three occupations are projected to grow by more than 40 percent, compared to a 7.3 percent growth rate for all occupations in Missouri. *Restaurant Cooks* also has the highest employment of the top 10 fastest growing occupations.

## Middle-Skill Fastest Growing Occupations 2020-2030

Occupations	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	Net Change	Percent Change	2020 Mean Wages
Cook, Restaurant	28,582	42,335	13,753	<b>48.1%</b>	\$27,250
Actors	290	428	138	<b>47.6%</b>	N/A
Concierges	449	636	187	<b>41.6%</b>	\$30,440
Athletes & Sports Competitors	223	310	87	<b>39.0%</b>	N/A
Umpires, Referees, & Other Sports Officials	1,177	1,553	376	<b>31.9%</b>	\$34,000
Occupational Therapy Assistants	928	1,216	288	<b>31.0%</b>	\$57,100
Physical Therapist Assistants	2,435	3,160	725	<b>29.8%</b>	\$52,320
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	4,445	5,678	1,233	<b>27.7%</b>	\$35,730
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	527	672	145	<b>27.5%</b>	\$64,540
Mechanical Door Repairers	509	642	133	<b>26.1%</b>	\$53,080

Occupations with projected employment less than 200 are omitted

While the average annual wage for all middle-skill occupations is \$47,836, some middle-skill occupations earn considerably more. The middle-skill occupation with the highest average annual wage is *Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers*, followed by *Commercial Pilots* and *First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives*. Although these occupations have higher than average wages, they do not make up a large portion of Missouri's total or projected employment.

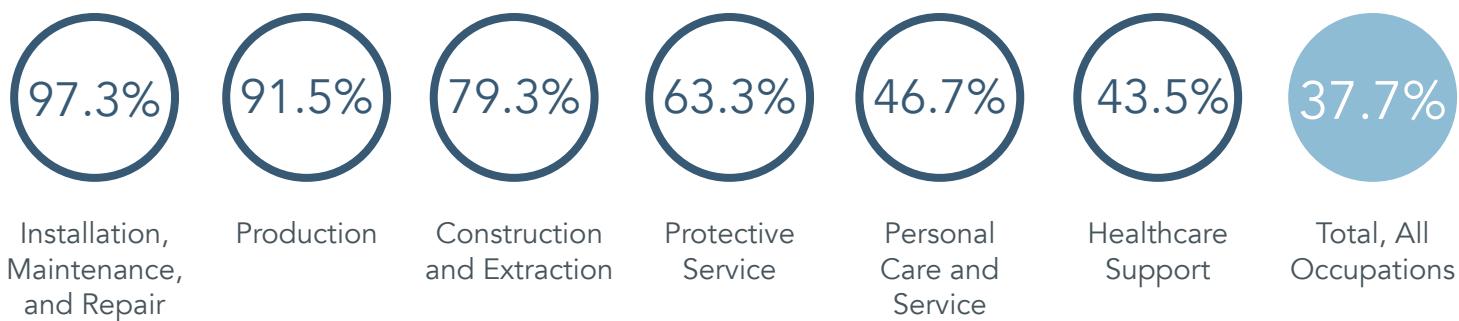
Occupations	2018 Estimated Employment	2028 Projected Employment	Annual Openings		2018 Average Wage
			Growth	Total	
Transportation, Storage, & Distribution Managers	2,034	2,280	246	185	\$100,620
Commercial Pilots	637	706	69	79	\$97,270
First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	2,248	2,319	71	152	\$87,130
First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	7,079	6,781	-298	583	\$82,880
Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	3,235	3,473	238	313	\$77,500
Locomotive Engineers	1,280	1,349	69	121	\$77,120
First-Line Sup. of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	9,997	11,000	1,003	1,077	\$76,480
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, & Investigators	7,292	7,206	-86	539	\$74,660
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	1,665	1,903	238	150	\$74,270
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	1,928	1,972	44	144	\$73,870

*Occupations with Projected Annual Openings less than 50 omitted*

## MIDDLE-SKILL EMPLOYMENT BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

Occupations can be clustered into 22 major groups. While all major occupation groups have middle-skill jobs, some have higher percentages of middle-skill employment than others. The *Installation, Maintenance and Repair* occupation group has the highest percentage of middle-skill employment, followed by *Production*.

### Occupation Groups With Above Average Percent of Middle-Skill Jobs



Eight major occupation groups have higher middle-skill employment percentages than the state average of 37.7 percent for all occupations. Some occupation groups with above average middle-skill employment percentages, such as *Healthcare Support* and *Production*, are heavily concentrated in certain industries, such as the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry and *Manufacturing* industry, respectively. However, there are exceptions. For example, *Installation, Maintenance, and Repair* and *Office and Administrative Support* occupations are more evenly distributed among a variety of industries.

## Middle-Skill Employment by Major Occupation Group 2020

